(b) whether any of those proposals has been approved by Government during the last three years;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial allocation made in implementing such schemes in the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation had received 15 schemes from the Government of Orissa under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns of less than 20,000 population during the last 3 years. Out of these, 12 schemes were approved by the Ministry and 3 schemes were returned to the State Government with comments for necessary compliance. The schemes approved are for the towns of Navagarh, Junagarh, Balugaon, Umarkote, Boudh NAC, Deogarh, Rambha, Barapalli, Kantabanji, Khandpara, Khalikote and Hinjilcut. Central assistance released to Govt, of Orissa under AUWSP during the last 3 years is Rs. 762.41 lakhs. The tentative allocation for Orissa state during 2001-2002 under this programme isRs.367.46 lakhs. The Ministry has no Central assistance programme for sewage disposal system in various cities.

Controversy on the Guage size of Delhi Metro

3807. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion between DMRC and the Ministry of Railways regarding size of gauge for Delhi Metro;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this project is running as per its schedule; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The matter regarding adoption of gauge for Delhi MRTS Project has already been decided by the Union Cabinet and Group of Ministers. The reflective tenders have also been awarded by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. based on Broad Gauge.

(c) and (d) At present there is a delay of about 9 months due to delay In award of tenders. However, the original date of completion of the project i.e. March, 2005 has not been changed and the delay is expected to be absorbed during its construction period.

Water Problem in Delhi

† 3808. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to overcome the problem immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Delhi Jal Board has reported that there is a shortfall of 150 MGD- against the assessed demand for 800 MGD of water in Delhi.

(b) Delhi Jal Board has taken the following measures to overcome the problem:-

1. 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Bawana and is likely to be completed by the end of 2001.

2. 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Sonia Vihar and is targeted to be completed by 2003.

3.100 tube-wells in the flood plain in the river Yamuna near Palla in Alipur Block are proposed to be installed to exploit ground water in the flood plains of the river Yamuna.

4. Recycling of waste water at the existing Water Treatment Plants to yield about 40 MGD.

Guidelines to regularise Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

† 3809. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines with regard to regularising 1071 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.